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Inventor(s): Joseph H. Contiliano, J. Jenny Yuan and Kevor S. Tenhuisen  
Title: Polymer-Based Orthopedic Screw and Driver System with Increased Insertion  
Torque Tolerance and Associated Method for Making and Using Same  
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Sir:

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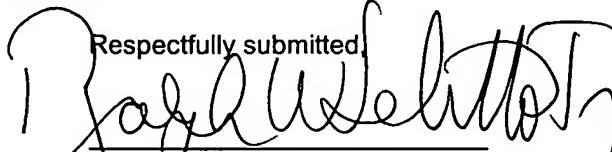
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